



Highfield Road,
Edgbaston.

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My dear Sir,

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I hope that the
surname I bear will shield me
from the charge of presumption
in writing to you, as respect for
you comes to our family by
inheritance, as well as acquisition.

I hear you are staying in
England for a short time; so I
venture to enquire whether it is
possible for you to come to Birming-
ham, or if so whether you will
give my sister & myself the

very great pleasure of making
our house your home during
your sojourn here. We live in
a suburb, where, if needful,
you could be quite quiet;
while the part we take in the
public affairs of the town would
enable us to give or get for you
any information you might wish
I have about Birmingham. I
mention quiet, as I regret to hear
that you are in weak health;
but I hope your visit will
not have to be entirely "incog."

We shall also have much pleasure in seeing your son, who I hear accompanies you.

My sister treasures the recollection of seeing you when you were here a long time ago. I believe I was too young then to attend the meeting. But I have since heard so much of you from my aunt & others (especially lately from my friend Henry J. Wilson, of Shippits) that I can hardly feel we are strangers.

I sincerely trust you will be able to come, & shall be much obliged by your kindly letting me

Know what your plans are.

Believe me, dear Sir,

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Yours faithfully

R. F. Mantuan

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